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Mrs. Effa Manley,  
71 Crawford Street,  
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My dear Mrs. Manley:

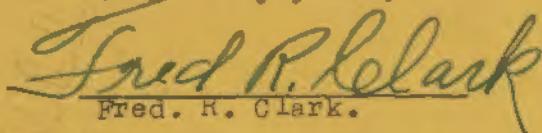
I just thought to drop you these few lines to remind you of some of my loyalty to you which you may not have noticed, due to your busy year in organizing a "World Beating" base ball team, and for fear that you did not notice my stand in this matter, that is why I am bringing it to your attention.

What I am about to say is, that when Arthur Berry organized his Newark Buffaloes Baseball team and began playing in the city stadium, last spring, he came into my office to talk to me about advertising his game and boosting his club, but I informed Mr. Berry at the time that I was all out for the Newark Eagles, and would not accept his advertisement or any advertisements of any other ball team playing in opposition to the Newark Eagles, and I told him at that time that the reason for my taking this attitude toward him was because of the fact that you had made a great financial investment in your effort to give the New Jersey Negroes a baseball team; which automatically created a place for them to go on Sunday, Holidays and some nights, besides the taverns. For this reason I was satisfied to stay put with the Eagles.

Two weeks later Mr. Berry returned to my office hoping that I had changed my attitude but in our next publication there appeared an editorial, written by my self condemning Mr. Berry and Mule Settles for attempting to organize a ball club that might have a tendency to attract the attention of some of the Eagles fans.

In this editorial I appealed to the Negro public to remain loyal to the Eagles and to give you their whole hearted support, which you honestly deserve.

Very truly yours,

  
Fred. R. Clark.

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